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CONDITIONAL REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
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Shannon L. Stewart

Application Number:

10/735,050

Confirmation No. 2484

Filing Date

December 12, 2003

Inventor(s)

Benjamin Atkin, et al.

Title

ULTRASONIC DENTAL HANDPIECE HAVING A ROTATABLE

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Group Art Unit

3732

Examiner Name

John J. Wilson

Docket No.

51291/D359

Date: May 27, 2008

### MAIL TO: Mail Stop RCE

This is a Conditional Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

This application is **not** an application of the kind specified in 37 CFR § 1.114(e).

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|---|----|---------|-------|-------------|--------------|---------|
|   |    |         |       |             |              |         |

| X Pending (no review proceedings active)                                      |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| (1) X An Action was mailed by the Office on November 27, 2007, as to which no |
| appeal under 37 CFR § 1.191 has been filed and                                |
| X a response under 37 CFR § 1.116 was mailed on April 14, 2008                |
| via Express Mail                                                              |
| X with certificate of mailing under 37 CFR § 1.8                              |
| X that Action was a Final Rejection, the finality of which is to be           |
| withdrawn by this Request                                                     |
| an appeal or civil action under 35 U.S.C. 141,145 or 146 has been             |
| terminated                                                                    |
| (2) Allowed: the Notice of Allowance was mailed by the Office on              |
| the Issue Fee has not been paid                                               |
| the Issue Fee has been paid and a petition under 37 CFR § 1.313 was           |
| granted on                                                                    |
| Pending (with review proceeding active)                                       |
| An appeal under 37 CFR § 1.191 has been filed. Applicant(s) hereby            |
| withdraw that appeal and request reopening of the prosecution of the          |
|                                                                               |

application.

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| 2. |    |          | ON(S) REQUIRED (check at least one) sly submitted                            |
|----|----|----------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|    | a. | Y        | Consider the amendments/reply under 37 CFR § 1.116 previously filed on April |
|    |    |          | 14, 2008                                                                     |
|    |    |          | Consider the arguments in the Appeal or Reply Brief previously filed on      |
|    |    |          | Other:                                                                       |
|    | b. | Enclosed | i                                                                            |
|    |    |          | Amendment/Reply                                                              |
|    |    |          | Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)                                                  |
|    |    |          | Information Disclosure Statement                                             |
|    |    |          | Documents under 37 CFR § 1.48                                                |
|    |    | <u>X</u> | Petition for Extension of Time                                               |
|    |    | <u>X</u> | Other: REMARKS ON CONDITIONAL RCE                                            |

The Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned promptly following receipt and initial review of the application in light of the Submissions(s) for the conduct of, or the scheduling of, a telephone interview in the application.

Please direct all correspondence to CUSTOMER NUMBER 23363. Direct telephone calls to 626/795-9900, CHRISTIE, PARKER & HALE, LLP, P.O. Box 7068, Pasadena, CA 91109-7068.

Respectfully submitted,

CHRISTIE, PARKER & HALE, LLP

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# CONDITIONAL REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) FEE CALCULATION SHEET

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| PART I — BASIC FEE |              |              |       |  |  |
|--------------------|--------------|--------------|-------|--|--|
|                    | Small Entity | Large Entity |       |  |  |
| BASIC FEE          | \$405.00     | \$810.00     | \$810 |  |  |

| PART II — ADDITIONAL CLAIMS (compared to application before RCE) |                                                                  |                                             |                           |                      |                      |     |
|------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|-----|
|                                                                  | Claims<br>Remaining<br>After<br>Amendment                        | Highest<br>Number<br>Previously<br>Paid For | Number<br>Extra<br>Claims | Small<br>Entity Rate | Large<br>Entity Rate | FEE |
| Total<br>Claims                                                  | 8                                                                | *28                                         | 0                         | x \$25.00            | x \$50.00            | 0   |
| Independent<br>Claims                                            | 1                                                                | **4                                         | 0                         | x \$105.00           | x \$210.00           | 0   |
| First Presenta                                                   | First Presentation of Multiple Dependent Claim \$185.00 \$370.00 |                                             |                           |                      |                      | 0   |
| TOTAL CLA                                                        | TOTAL CLAIMS FEE                                                 |                                             |                           |                      |                      | \$0 |

List Independent Claims: 17

- 1. FEES (The RCE fee under 37 CFR § 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.)
  - a. Amount (total from Fee Calculation Sheet)
  - b. X The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required for this transaction to Deposit Account No. 03-1728. Please show our docket number with any charge or credit to our Deposit Account. A duplicate copy hereof is enclosed.

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<sup>\*</sup> IF THE "HIGHEST NUMBER OF TOTAL CLAIMS PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR" IS LESS THAN 20, WRITE "20" IN THIS SPACE.

<sup>\*\*</sup> IF THE HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR IS 3 OR LESS, WRITE "3" IN THIS SPACE.





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#### REMARKS ON CONDITIONAL RCE

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 Post Office Box 7068
Pasadena, CA 91109-7068

May 27, 2008

#### Commissioner:

The Examiner has advised that the application would be allowed with claims set forth in the Amendment After Final mailed April 14, 2008. However, Applicants are not able to confirm that the Notice of Allowance was indeed mailed.

In order to ensure that the application is not inadvertently abandoned, Applicants submit herewith a <u>conditional</u> Request for Continued Examination (RCE), which is to be entered <u>if and only if</u> the Notice of Allowance is not timely mailed. This RCE is conditional because Applicants do not wish to file an RCE if a Notice of Allowance was timely mailed.

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As such, Applicants respectfully request that the RCE not be entered and no USPTO fee be taken from the stated deposit account if a Notice of Allowance was mailed on May 27, 2008.

If there are any remaining issues that can be addressed over the telephone, Applicant's attorney can be reached at the below listed number.

Respectfully submitted,
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